

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) ~~Removable roof according to Claim 3, for a~~
passenger car, which in use covers an opening between a windshield frame and a
body frame structure of a body of the passenger car extending behind vehicle
occupant seats, said roof comprising a dimensionally stable material and
cooperating by means of a form-lockingly operating fixing system with the
windshield frame,

wherein the fixing system of the roof comprises a first fixing device and a
second fixing device, which fixing devices are arranged offset with respect to one
another in a vertical direction of the vehicle by a predetermined distance and are
caused to engage by movement of the roof in a driving direction,

wherein the first fixing device has a flange-type forward roof extension of
the roof which extends in a longitudinal direction of the car and reaches under
an exterior leg wall of an open U-shaped receiving device oriented toward the
roof,

wherein the second fixing device comprises at least one bearing journal
which projects into a receiving bore, and

wherein the bearing journal is held in position by an elastic device.

8. (Previously presented) Removable roof according to Claim 7, wherein the elastic device comprises two elastic bodies spaced in a transverse direction of the vehicle, said elastic bodies having a circular-cylindrical cross-section, on first sides, being held on a cross member of the roof, and, on their other sides, being connected with a plate-type holding member for the bearing journal.

9. (Original) Removable roof according to Claim 8, wherein each elastic body rests by means of a threaded pin in a threaded bore in a metallic insert of the roof.

10. (Original) Removable roof according to Claim 8, wherein the holding member is connected by means of screws with the elastic bodies.

11. (Previously presented) Removable roof according to Claim 8, wherein the bearing journal extends in a longitudinal center plane between the elastic bodies and is connected with the holding member by means of a threaded pin and a screw nut.

12. (Previously presented) Removable roof according to Claim 8, wherein the elastic device with the elastic bodies and the holding member are arranged at least largely sunk in a recess of the roof.

13. (Previously presented) Removable roof according to Claim 8, wherein the roof has two roof elements fitted together in a longitudinal center plane of the passenger car, at least one said bearing journal with elastic bodies being provided on each roof element, which bearing journal cooperates with a corresponding receiving bore of the windshield frame.

14. (Currently amended) Removable roof ~~according to Claim 3~~, for a passenger car, which in use covers an opening between a windshield frame and a body frame structure of a body of the passenger car extending behind vehicle occupant seats, said roof comprising a dimensionally stable material and cooperating by means of a form-lockingly operating fixing system with the windshield frame,

wherein the fixing system of the roof comprises a first fixing device and a second fixing device, which fixing devices are arranged offset with respect to one another in a vertical direction of the vehicle by a predetermined distance and are caused to engage by movement of the roof in a driving direction,

wherein the first fixing device has a flange-type forward roof extension of the roof which extends in a longitudinal direction of the car and reaches under an exterior leg wall of an open U-shaped receiving device oriented toward the roof,

wherein the second fixing device comprises at least one bearing journal which projects into a receiving bore, and

wherein in a longitudinal view, the bearing journal of the second fixing device extends at an acute angle (α) with respect to a horizontal line.

15. (Currently amended) Removable roof according to Claim 8, wherein in a longitudinal view, the bearing journal of the second fixing device extends at an acute angle (α) with respect to a horizontal line.

16. (Currently amended) Removable roof ~~according to Claim 3,~~ for a passenger car, which in use covers an opening between a windshield frame and a body frame structure of a body of the passenger car extending behind vehicle occupant seats, said roof comprising a dimensionally stable material and cooperating by means of a form-lockingly operating fixing system with the windshield frame,

wherein the fixing system of the roof comprises a first fixing device and a second fixing device, which fixing devices are arranged offset with respect to one another in a vertical direction of the vehicle by a predetermined distance and are caused to engage by movement of the roof in a driving direction,

wherein the first fixing device has a flange-type forward roof extension of the roof which extends in a longitudinal direction of the car and reaches under an exterior leg wall of an open U-shaped receiving device oriented toward the roof,

wherein the second fixing device comprises at least one bearing journal which projects into a receiving bore, and

wherein the bearing journal of the second fixing device and the flange-type roof extension of the first fixing device extend in ~~the~~ a longitudinal sectional view at an acute angle (β) with respect to one another.

17-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A passenger car roof assembly ~~according to Claim 24,~~ comprising:

a windshield frame,

a body frame structure spaced from the windshield frame with a roof opening between the windshield frame and the body frame structure,

a removable roof member operable to close at least part of the roof opening, said roof member being formed of dimensionally stable material,

a form locking fixing assembly for form lockingly fixing a forward end of the roof member at the windshield frame, and

a roof member locking assembly at a rear end of the roof member for locking the roof member at the body frame structure after the roof member has been fixed by the fixing assembly at the windshield frame,

wherein the fixing assembly includes first and second fixing devices arranged offset vertically with respect to one another when the roof member is in a roof opening closing position, said first and second fixing devices being engaged by movement of the roof member in a vehicle driving direction toward the windshield frame,

wherein the first fixing device has a flange-type forward roof extension of the roof member which extends in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle and reaches under an exterior leg wall of an open U-shaped receiving device oriented toward the roof member,

wherein the second fixing device comprises at least one bearing journal which projects into a receiving bore, and

wherein the bearing journal is held in position by an elastic device.

29. (Previously presented) A passenger car roof assembly according to Claim 28, wherein the elastic device comprises two elastic bodies spaced in a transverse direction of the vehicle, said elastic bodies having a circular-cylindrical cross-section, on first sides, being held on a cross member of the roof member, and, on their other sides, being connected with a plate-type holding member for the bearing journal.

30-32. (Canceled)